

The resource office of the Ninilchik Tribe is dedicated to the development and preservation of the resources that have supported the tribe for centuries. Our goals and approach in this program is that it is our turn to support our resources. Our Staff consists of Environmental Scientists and Biologists who can meet these challenges effectively with current scientific techniques.

Utilizing this type of management will effectively provide good stewardship over the existing condition of land, wildlife, and water resources, and will demonstrate the respect for the people traditionally associated with those resources, using research, planning, and good stewardship to ensure that cultural resources are preserved and protected, receive appropriate treatments, and are made available for understanding and enjoyment. The development of this program has created the mechanism to address these issues. Presently, the Ninilchik Traditional Council Resource Office is engaged in several programs to meet these needs.

Subsistence

The subsistence management program was initiated in 2004-2005 and funded through a grant awarded from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The scope of this work is to enhance subsistence harvest and resources through active management and habitat enhancement. The 2004-05 funding consists of an instream and terrestrial habitat enhancement project site at mile 17 of Deep Creek River. The increase of the amount of productive habitat will increase the future returns of wild stock.

The second part of the project is the placement and evaluation of test plots for terrestrial habitat evaluation. This is done specifically to target moose habitat and to evaluate the seed bed. This terrestrial information will be used to develop larger habitat projects.

This project has enabled NTC to be an active participant in the enhancement of the wildlife populations that are key to the traditional needs of the tribe.

During this process information about the types and locations of habitat are entered into a GIS mapping database to help us evaluate how we are doing and how to further benefit the tribal resources

IRMP and implementation

The Intergraded Resource Management Planning Program was initiated in 2004-2005 through a competitive grant awarded through The Bureau of Indian Affairs. This program consists of field investigations, mapping of resources, and the development of a plan to meet the needs of the tribe.

Hunting

The Resource office also coordinates permitting for recreation and hunting activities in the corporate areas associated with the tribe. The Resource office also coordinates efforts with CIRC for the annual moose hunting program.

Fishing

The Resource office also coordinates the educational fishery by submitting for the permit for the fishery, and evaluating the number of wild stock and hatchery fish harvested. This information is integrated with other information about the habitat, watershed, and subbasins to properly evaluate the needs of the educational fishery.

WATERSHED DATA / WATER QUALITY:

Development of the need to address the water quality and determine if there are any point source or non-point source contaminants located in the subbasins associated with the subsistence needs of the tribe.